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February 13, 2020

Ali Sutton, Deputy Secretary for Homelessness  
Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency  
915 Capitol Mall, Suite 305-A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program Letter of Support**

Dear Ms. Sutton,

The Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP) was designed to provide jurisdictions with funding to support regional coordination and expand and develop local capacity to address immediate homelessness challenges. This regional coordination will help to ensure that services and efforts within the area are not duplicated, but instead are supplemented by one another. This letter of support serves to meet the application requirement to submit letters of support from the other eligible applicants that are receiving grant funding within their jurisdiction.

The City of Sacramento, The County of Sacramento, and Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF), as the lead agency for the Sacramento City and County Continuum of Care, acknowledge and agree to regional coordination and partnership in the development of HHAP funding recommendations and addressing homelessness in the region. A collaborative approach was taken by City, County and SSF staff to coordinate investments and to consult with community stakeholders to identify community needs and priorities through a survey and community meetings. Two open stakeholder meetings were held on December 11, 2019 and January 29, 2020. City, County and SSF staff also met with the CoC Homeless Youth Task Force and representatives of the Youth Action Board collaboratively to discuss priorities for youth funding.

Each jurisdiction has reviewed and agrees with how each applicant intends to spend their HHAP funds, and that each jurisdiction's spending plan accurately addresses their share of the regional need to address homelessness. City, County and SSF staff have been meeting on a bi-weekly basis since the implementation of HEAP funds and continued to meet on a bi-weekly basis to collaborate on HHAP. This winter, as the application toolkit was released for HHAP the frequency



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of the meetings increased to weekly, and often times a couple of times a week. City, County and SSF staff frequently communicated by email and phone in between meetings.

City, County and SSF staff plan to continue to meet at a minimum on a bi-weekly basis to continue to coordinate and collaborate on the implementation of HHAP projects and programs, and ultimately to also review and evaluate program success. As with HEAP funding, reporting tools will be developed to help track HHAP spending and implementation.

We thank you for this opportunity to apply for HHAP funding and look forward to continuing our joint efforts to end homelessness in Sacramento.

Sincerely,



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Lisa Bates, Chief Executive Officer  
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